

XX 10

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

**SECRET**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
INFORMATION FROM  
FOREIGN DOCUMENTS OR RADIO BROADCASTS

REPORT

50X1-HUM

CD NO.

COUNTRY USSR

DATE OF  
INFORMATION 1950

SUBJECT Economic - Coal

DATE DIST. 26 Jul 1950

HOW  
PUBLISHED Daily newspapersWHERE  
PUBLISHED USSR

NO. OF PAGES 2

DATE  
PUBLISHED 11 - 26 May 1950SUPPLEMENT TO  
REPORT NO.

50X1-HUM

LANGUAGE Russian

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF ESPIONAGE ACT 50 U. S. C. 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE Newspapers as indicated.

ESTONIAN SSR STEPS UP SHALE PRODUCTION[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

The Party and the government are devoting great attention to the development of the shale basin in the Estonian SSR. Enterprises and mines are being equipped with the most modern Soviet machinery, and qualified workers, who have mastered outstanding Soviet technique, are available to operate the new machines.(1)

A meeting of young stakhanovites of the Kokhtla-Yarve and Kokhtla combines, Kyava-2 and Kukruse miners, and other enterprises took place recently in the Estonian SSR to go over the results of the pre-May competition and to develop further competition in honor of the tenth anniversary of the republic. A cutting and loading brigade of Kyava-2 Mine(2), the largest shale mine in the Estonian SSR(4), pledged to fulfill its shift quota 200 percent. A similar brigade of Kukruse Mine pledged to fulfill its shift quota 155-200 percent.(2)

Shale workers of Kyava-2 Mine have received from sister republics excellent cutting machines, scraper and belt conveyers, electric locomotives, as well as everything necessary for highly productive labor and for fulfilling the state plan for shale mining.(3) Four sections of the mine are already mechanized and, as of 12 May, preparations were under way to increase this number.(4) However, the mine is not fully utilizing all its technical equipment at present. Frequent idle periods of the machinery hamper the work of the mine and increase the cost of shale. During March, the GTK-Z cutting machines were used at only half capacity. Consequently, each of them was more than 2,000 tons of shale below its quota for the month. Many scraper and belt conveyers, as well as several electric locomotives and hundreds of mine cars were inactive. The work of the brigades is poorly organized and repair work is unsatisfactory.(3)

A competition is taking place in the Kiviyl Kombine in honor of the tenth anniversary of the Estonian SSR. Two brigades which fulfilled their daily quotas 150 percent and at the same time produced shale of exceptional quality took first place in the contest.(5)

- 1 -

**SECRET**

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB	DISTRIBUTION									
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBI										

SECRET

~~SECRET~~

50X1-HUM

Shale workers of Mine No 10 are also successfully discharging their obligations. One brigade is completing 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 norms daily. Another brigade completed the April program almost 150 percent and is averaging at present 180 percent for daily production. The brigade has promised to raise this figure to 200 percent in honor of the Estonian anniversary.(6)

On the decision of the Ministry of Labor Reserves USSR and the Ministry of the Coal Industry, Industrial Mining School No 1, the first is Leningrad Oblast, was established in Slantsy in 1949. All 205 miners who have been trained in this school have been dispatched for work in enterprises and mines of the Estonslanets Combine.(7)

A stakhanovite school for miners has been started in the Kokhtla Combine. Training in the operation of electric locomotives and technical instructions in blasting are being given.(8)

## SOURCES

1. Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 124, 26 May 1950
2. Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 115, 16 May 1950
3. Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 112, 11 May 1950
4. Trud, No 113, 13 May 1950
5. Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 123, 25 May 1950
6. Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 120, 21 May 1950
7. Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 119, 20 May 1950
8. Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 114, 14 May 1950

- E N D -

- 2 -

SECRET

~~SECRET~~